

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3 and 6. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols, said apparatus comprising:

a call signal detector circuit adapted to detect a call signal from a communication line;

an ID detector circuit adapted to detect ID information for identifying a calling station from the communication line before a start of communication with the calling station, when said call signal detector circuit has detected the call signal from the communication line;

a memory adapted to store ID information for identifying a calling station and facsimile protocol information for indicating a facsimile protocol used for communication with that calling station, in correspondence with each other;

a determination circuit adapted to determine whether a predetermined time period has elapsed after the storage of facsimile protocol information corresponding to the ID information detected by said ID detector circuit, into said memory; and

a control circuit adapted to ~~cause perform~~ communication ~~to determine a~~ based on the facsimile protocol ~~to be used, when said ID detector circuit cannot detect the~~ ID information, and adapted to cause communication based on the facsimile protocol corresponding to the ID information detected by said ID detector circuit, with the detected ~~ID information~~ information stored in the memory in correspondence with the ID information detected by said ID detector circuit, or communication for deciding a facsimile

protocol for the calling station, in accordance with the result of determination by said determination circuit, so as to discriminate the facsimile protocol of the calling station, and to perform communication based on the facsimile protocol according to a result of the discrimination and to restore the facsimile protocol information according to that result of the discrimination, in correspondence with the ID information detected by said ID detector circuit.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a registration circuit adapted to register the ID information of the calling station and the facsimile protocol in said memory in accordance with an instruction from a user.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the ID information for identifying the calling station is telephone number information, and,

wherein when calling has been conducted using the telephone number information stored in ~~the~~ said memory, said control circuit is so adapted as to update the facsimile protocol stored in the memory in correspondence with the telephone number used in the calling to store the facsimile protocol that has been executed.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the facsimile protocol changes with a type of modem used by said communication apparatus.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the facsimile protocol includes a facsimile protocol using V.21 and V.29 standards and a facsimile protocol using V.8 and V.34 standards.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A communication method of a communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols and having a memory that stores ID information for identifying a calling station and facsimile protocol information for indicting a facsimile protocol used for communication with the calling station, in correspondence with each other, said method comprising:

a call signal detection step, of detecting a call signal from a communication line;

an ID detection step, of detecting ID information for identifying a calling station from the communication line before a start of communication with the calling station, when the call signal has been detected in said call signal detection step;

a determination step for determining whether a predetermined time period has elapsed after the storage of facsimile protocol information corresponding to the ID information detected in said ID detection step, into a memory; and

~~a communication step, of communicating with the calling station by a first facsimile protocol to determine a facsimile protocol used for image communication when the ID information cannot be detected in said ID detection step, and of communicating with the calling station by a facsimile protocol corresponding to the ID information detected in said ID detection step when the ID information can be detected in said ID detection step~~
a control step for performing communication based on the facsimile protocol information stored in the memory in correspondence with the ID information detected in said ID

detection step, or communication for deciding a facsimile protocol for the calling station, in accordance with the result of a determination made in said determination step, so as to discriminate the facsimile protocol of the calling station, and for performing communication based on the facsimile protocol according to a result of the discrimination and restoring the facsimile protocol information according to that result of the discrimination, in correspondence with the ID information detected in said ID detection step.

Claims 7-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said ID detector circuit detects the ID information between receiving successive calling signals.

Claims 13 - 18 (canceled).